

CANDIDATES FOR STATE SENATE

To Succeed W. B. McIlwaine
From Petersburg.

THE NEW NATIONAL BANK

Getting Ready for Merger and
Business on Larger
Scale.

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PETERSBURG, VA., March 21.—Mr. Charles Trotter Lasser may become a candidate to succeed Mr. W. B. McIlwaine in the State Senate. Mr. Lasser very acceptably represented Petersburg in the House, and many of his friends are urging him for the upper branch. Mr. McIlwaine has declined re-election.

Mr. James M. Quicke, Jr., another well known Petersburg lawyer, is also being generally discussed as a candidate. Mr. Quicke has not committed himself regarding the subject.

THE VIRGINIA NATIONAL.
The Virginia National Bank, Petersburg's new financial institution, is preparing for business.

The stockholders of the Banking and Trust Company, which is to be merged into the larger bank, this afternoon started on the preliminary work.

The new bank is to be capitalized at three hundred thousand dollars, nearly all of which has been subscribed, and the remaining amount underwritten. Another meeting will be held two weeks from today.

The present building of the Petersburg Banking and Trust Company is to be enlarged, and a new front put in.

DAMAGE SUIT.
The ten thousand dollar damage suit of Butterworth against the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company has been set for trial in the Circuit Court of Dinwiddie county on next Wednesday.

The plaintiff claims damages for violation of an alleged agreement, by which the railway company, in consideration of property privileges granted by plaintiff, was to erect a station called Butterworth. The station was named Dewitt.

Messrs. R. H. Mann and William B. McIlwaine are counsel for the plaintiff. Mr. W. R. McKenney represents the railroad.

A man named Smiley was arrested this afternoon at the Seaboard Air Line station on the charge of stealing forty dollars from O. C. Hays, an engineer. Lieutenant Donahue, Sergeant Vaughan and Officer Stewart made the arrest. Smiley is from Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

Calvin Parham, colored, was arrested last night by Lieutenant Donahue on the charge of shooting Thomas Turner, a Petersburg negro, at Dendron last Friday. The men quarreled while gambling, and Turner was shot in the leg. Parham is held for the Surry county authorities.

TO INCREASE LICENSES.

The Finance Committee of the Council and Board of Aldermen will to-morrow afternoon consider the license tax ordinance, which excites much interest since the recent letter of the Mayor to the Aldermen, urging a big increase in license for saloons.

The present amount is \$15; the Mayor advocates a five hundred dollar license. A large show case in front of the store of Lovenstein Brothers, on Sycamore Street, was smashed last night, but people arrived promptly, and the case was moved into the store before anything was stolen.

CITY BONDS SOLD.

Politics in Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County.

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FREDERICKSBURG, VA., March 21.—The Finance Committee of the City Council has received bids for the \$20,000 of 4 per cent. water and gas bonds of the city, at a premium of \$5 per thousand. The bonds were all purchased by Fredericksburg people.

Much interest is felt in the coming election of city officers here. Those to be chosen are clerk of court, Commonwealth's attorney, city treasurer, commissioner of the revenue and city sergeant. The terms of all these officers expire January 1, 1906, except that of clerk of court, who does not expire until January 1, 1907. The election will take place at the same time that the regular State election for Governor and other officers occurs. All of the present incumbents will be candidates for re-election.

A number of gentlemen are being mentioned to represent this city and Spotsylvania county in the Legislature, the election for which takes place this year, but no announcements have yet been made. Among those mentioned are Captain T. McCracken, of this city; Captain M. B. Rowe, Dr. C. R. Kinsey, Dr. Thomas W. Dew, of Spotsylvania.

A farmers' institute will be held at Orange Courthouse next Monday under the supervision of William H. Eggborn, the member of the State Board of Agriculture for the Eighth District. An institute will be held on the following day at Culpeper, and on March 29th, at The Plains, in Fauquier county.

Purser John Dore, who was for so many years connected with the Weema Line of steamers, plying the Rappahannock River, has resigned his position to go into the saloon business in Baltimore.

THE BEDFORD MYSTERY.

The Body Found, But Mystery Not Yet Solved.

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MONTVALE, VA., March 21.—The greatest excitement has prevailed at Ironville, Va., for the last ten days, because of a dog of Charlie Donald's bringing to his yard a human head. Since the discovery of the head there has been a crowd of excited citizens scouring the mountains for miles around, to locate the remainder of the body. All efforts failed up to Sunday at 12 o'clock, at which time J. J. Draper, constable, arrived at the Donald home, and finding out where the dog first dropped the head in the yard, started his hunt in a westward direction, and found the balance of the body about one hundred yards below the railroad culvert in the branch. Only the body from the hips down was found, as the shoulders

and arms had been eaten, or carried away. Nothing was found as to his identity. J. J. Draper says he was a white boy supposed to be from fifteen to eighteen years old, wore about a No. 8 shoe, had on heavy dark pants, knit slippers, dark coat, overall jacket and striped shirt. A small metal comb in his pocket and a half dozen wire finishing nails. His teeth were perfectly sound, only one missing in the lower jaw. Draper wired for Justice J. M. Wells, from Montvale, Va., and upon his arrival, with other citizens, after close examination, decided that a coroner's inquest was not necessary, as all of the body could not be found.

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CURE FOR PIMPLES

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